



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/446,390	12/21/1999	DIETER SCHULER	10191/1234	2255
26646	7590	01/23/2004	EXAMINER	
KENYON & KENYON			LE, DANG D	
ONE BROADWAY			ART UNIT	
NEW YORK, NY 10004			PAPER NUMBER	

2834

DATE MAILED: 01/23/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

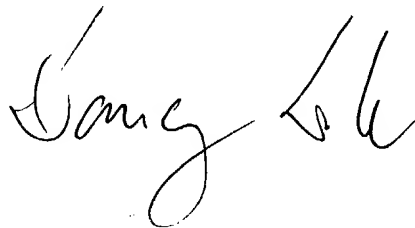
1. The reply brief filed 12/19/03 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-0156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

1/21/04

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dang D Le', is written over a light gray grid background.

DANG LE
PRIMARY EXAMINER